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Sgt. Paul McDonald, rear, said he identified Const. Joel Imbeau as a member that had the qualities, compassion, empathy, and communication skills that would fit the role needed for the Mobile Crisis Response Team. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## OPP working to 'humanize' the badge

### HIGHLANDER FEATURES

**By Lisa Gervais**

It's a Monday morning at the OPP headquarters in Minden as Const. Joel Imbeau begins to read emails.

He's looking for referrals from the weekend – from officers who think someone they've

encountered might need his help.

As of last February, Imbeau is the mental health and addiction liaison officer for OPP – the first permanent appointee since a partnership was launched with the Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge (CMHA HKPR) in 2021.

Most of the time, there is a CMHA HKPR mental health worker with Imbeau.

Calli Lorente is the manager of integrated crisis services for CMHA HKPR. She is speaking on behalf of the organization as the worker who has been assisting Imbeau is on leave. Other workers have been filling in.

From her perspective, "Mondays are just trying to sort through what has happened over the weekend."

Lorente says, "how it used to work is the mental health officer worked in the

detachment, which they still do, but they used to have a listening ear for any calls that came in that were mental health-related and work with that officer." The first CMHA appointee on what is called the Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) was Andrew Hodson, who said he's currently on a leave of absence, working for MP Jamie Schmale. Lorente said Hodson, and his subsequent

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# 'Sparks first step' towards getting help

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replacements, worked with different officers, "whereas now, with Joel in the role, it's extremely helpful because he is able to get all of the referrals from the police. He can confirm consent and then collaborate with the mental health worker to either get out to that call in live time, or do a follow-up piece."

Imbeau begins to read a referral; "the complainant indicated their partner is in cognitive decline and has become verbally abusive and aggressive." The person who called the cops doesn't feel safe living in the home anymore, and has left. The partner is now living alone. "Now, we have to find a method to support this individual," Imbeau says.

"We could look at getting him Meals on Wheels, food delivery or grocery delivery, get in touch with the food banks."

He envisages a referral to the Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network (GAIN) team at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS). He suspects GAIN will call in the community paramedicine program, which makes house calls to at-risk seniors.

First, he'll need to get consent from the person, and, hopefully, be able to speak to family members about what is going on.

He notes there is CMHA HKPR funding for emergency support.

As for the program itself, there are four people funded for the MCRT program through the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care. There is a fifth person funded through the City of Peterborough. These five staff provide MCRT support through partnerships with City of Kawartha Lakes OPP, Peterborough OPP, Peterborough Police Service and Haliburton OPP. The total budget of the program across all regions is \$401,000 per year.

## Reducing police calls and hospital visits

The MCRT's are designed to help police and health partners collaborate with service providers in their communities. They are police-led, with an officer and a mental health worker responding together when police are called to a person in crisis. If it

is during their working hours, they can go in-person. If after, it may be a follow-up.

"We know the coordination between police services, hospitals and mental health and addictions organizations on a mobile crisis response team leads to an effective use of police and hospital resources within the community," solicitor general Michael Kerzner says.

OPP commissioner Thomas Carrique adds, "police are called upon to respond to thousands of mental health calls a year. Having officers and health partners work together decreases the impact on related policing and hospital resources, and means improved safety and better outcomes for everyone."

Sgt. Paul McDonald was the MCRT police lead in Peterborough for about three years. After being stationed in Minden, he identified Imbeau as a member that had the qualities, compassion, empathy, and communication skills that would fit the role needed for a permanent, full-time MCRT lead in the County.

"There's a lot to be said about having somebody from the community that everybody already knows and can put a name to a face," McDonald says.

"We're professionals when it comes to the Criminal Code, Provincial Offences and Highway Traffic acts. We're not health or mental health experts. If we can create connections for people in crisis, and support them by bringing them to a health or mental health professional, we can focus on crime prevention."

Imbeau said if it is not a live call, he often follows up with a cold call to the client. He identifies himself as a

police officer working with the MCRT in conjunction with CMHA HKPR. "I ask them if they have any questions. I tell them we have good community partners. We have the ability to use CMHA's resources and facilities if the person suffers from mental illness or addiction.

"Some of them are very engaged and they want the information. Others don't even want to hear you talk. They hang up. You win your battles. You lose your battles."

## Consent driven

If the person says 'yes,' the team begins to try to figure out what is going on; "is there a physical issue, a mental health issue, or both?"

OPP and CMHA HKPR and partners, "try to see the puzzle, and if we can come up with a solution, so this person is supported properly," Imbeau says.

Without consent, police cannot do anything, other than bring someone to hospital for a psychiatric assessment if they believe the person is a danger to themselves or others, or if they are likely to worsen without treatment. Police can also intervene in an emergency without a court order.

Lorente said when they do get to the door, "you have an officer who looks very much like an officer and a mental health worker who wears a vest but is in casual clothes. They don't speak the same language and come in at different points of service. So, Joel will go into a call and make sure everything is safe for the mental health worker. He'll say something like, 'I actually have somebody who'd be a much better person to talk to you. Are you open to that?'"

Lorente said, "often that first interaction might not get someone engaged in support, but by being offered mental health support, it almost sparks that first step about thinking about service. 'Maybe this could work'. It might not happen the first call, we might have to follow up, often staff leave a card, saying 'I get you don't want this today', but then we get a call the next day and they actually want to

hear what you could offer."

McDonald said there is still a stigma attached to the program. "We're not talking about it enough. The police uniform coming to a mental health call. 'What are police going to do? Let's close the door. I don't trust government, organizations, policing'. It's beating down those barriers and humanizing the badges."

He recalls OPP being called out 21 times to one family he worked with in Peterborough before they finally got the necessary support services in place. They found temporary, alternative, housing for the family member with issues and got their medicine reviewed and fixed.

"And they came back a completely different person. They came into the office and said, 'you changed my life just by being there'. Eighteen years of policing and those three years were the most rewarding," McDonald said.

*Editor's note: This is the first of a three part-series.*

## NEXT WEEK: Community partners

Photo inset: Calli Lorente is manager of integrated crisis services with CMHA Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge. Submitted.



## Benefits of mobile crisis response teams:

- Improving client outcomes by providing community assessment to determine links to appropriate community services.
- Diverting people from unnecessary involvement with the criminal justice system and reduce pressure on the court and correctional systems.
- Diverting people from unnecessary hospital emergency department visits and reduce pressure on the health care system.
- Mitigating the impact on police resources in relation to mental health and addictions crisis response.
- Improving individual and/or caregiver experience.

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# Fearrey frustrated by further Wig delays

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey has said the township is trying to get things moving again with the demolition of the Wigamog Inn after a portion of the main lodge's roof recently caved in.

Work has been on hold since June 2023, when the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) intervened following reports of species at-risk residing in the area. A 14-month investigation wrapped up in the fall, with MECP informing owner, Aurora Group, it must meet requirements under the Environmental Protection Act for waste audits, waste reduction, and source separation of waste materials before work can continue.

The ministry also required Aurora Group to meet certain requirements under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) after it was determined at-risk bats, and the eastern hog-nosed snake reside on the property.

"We remain engaged with the owner regarding species at-risk assessments and waste audits prior to resuming demolition activities," MECP spokesperson Gary Wheeler told *The Highlander* Nov. 5. "We will continue to stay on top of this issue and be involved as necessary."

Asked whether the collapsed roof changed anything from the ministry's perspective, Wheeler said it didn't.

"Municipalities are the lead agencies for upholding property standards," he said. "The ministry remains available to support the property owner and the Township of Dysart."

Speaking this week, Fearrey expressed frustration over the protracted demolition likely stretching into another calendar year.

"They've (the ministry) made it clear to me [Aurora Group] has to get a clearance before they can start again," he said, noting as of Nov. 12 the owners had still yet to appropriately deal with the at-risk bats. "I suggested to the ministry that the building isn't safe now. I don't know how you're going to save these bats and other wildlife if the roof completely caves in. We have to move now."

After indicating at a recent Dysart council meeting he would be in favour of the township taking over demolition, Fearrey confirmed that remains the plan.

"Once we get the clearance, absolutely we



Part of the roof of the main lodge at the Wigamog Inn caved in recently. *Submitted.*

will [issue an RFP to] have someone come in. We've got to clean that mess up. We want to get at it – we've got a month here yet before snow falls by the look of it. If we can get someone in, we will, but it's not likely," Fearrey said.

Aurora Group president, Shawn Aurora, told *The Highlander* in September he hoped to have the remaining structures on the Wigamog property torn down by the end of the year. He did not respond to emailed questions for this story as of press time.

The township toyed with the idea of issuing an RFP for demolition in spring 2023, before Aurora Group started the project, with chief building official, Karl Korpela, estimating the cost to be north of \$1 million.

Fearrey acknowledges that number will be higher now, but said the township could seize the property if Dysart taxpayers foot the bill

and Aurora Group doesn't compensate.

"I think that's a pretty valuable piece of property. It includes two resorts. There's about 45 acres that's on sewer," Fearrey said. "We'll get out of it OK [if we have to go in], I'm not afraid of that."

The mayor said, after discussing with bylaw officials, the roof cave-in doesn't change anything from a property standards perspective – the property has already been labelled as being in a state of disrepair, with the department outlining 47 bylaw infractions between 2019 and 2022 for issues varying from downed power lines to smashed windows, damaged doors, and collapsed decks.

Given the requirements surrounding the at-risk bats, Fearrey said he expects demolition to be paused through winter.

The township is planning action, however

– Fearrey said he wants to issue an RFP to have a contractor come in and haul away discarded materials from the dozen or so cabins that were torn down last spring. He hopes that can be done before the snow falls.

Fearrey also said he'll continue to push MECP for a resolution.

"The ministry told me they were going to see if there would be any forgiveness [on the species at-risk] so we can get going – that was two weeks ago and I haven't heard back. They're not playing ball here," Fearrey said. "We look bad – we're not intending to look bad, we want to do the right thing, but the ministry can tie your hands so badly with this stuff."

"I've never experienced anything like this and I don't want to again... just know, this remains top of mind for the township," the mayor added.



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# Developer continues to pitch Cardiff housing

By Lisa Gervais

A proposed housing development for Cardiff came back to Highlands East council Nov 12 with Stephen Tunks of Teska Development suggesting a new location for two residential buildings.

Tunks has been in front of council before, saying, “this is the third time we’ve been asking about land to make a small apartment development in the Cardiff community.”

He said the parcel they are now proposing is just outside the village but, “it’ll do the job in terms of being able to finally build the building rather than having environmental problems.”

He said the first site had issues with sewage capacity, and the second was in a water protection zone.

Tunks said he understands a cell tower is to be built northeast of the land, which he hopes will allow a shared access road with Rogers. He said it would reduce costs.

His ask was that the land be declared surplus by the municipality - and that council instruct staff to review and enter into an agreement with Teska Development to sell them a portion so they can proceed with a project they’ve been talking about for a couple of years.

Coun. Angela Lewis asked if it was rentals, or ownership for seniors. Tunks said they prefer the term independent living.

“That’s what it is designed to do; this building is intended to be a condominium. It would be owned by investors. Some of those investors might be the people that live there.” He said when they originally floated the idea, half a dozen people in Cardiff indicated a willingness to sell their homes and move in. He said alternatives would be retirement homes in Bancroft, Peterborough or Belleville, “but no longer in their community or social circles.

“The idea would be to supply a housing



A rendering of a proposed housing development for Cardiff. *Submitted.*

unit... more than likely the last home they would be in before they would need to have assisted living.”

He said the homes are designed for that age group; such as doors wide enough for wheelchairs, roll-in and walk-in showers, grab bars and handles, so people can age in place.

They are looking at two buildings, likely phased, each with 27 units of two and one-bedrooms.

He said they’ve redesigned, with one-bedroom units now having a den or office added and two-bedroom ones having a second bathroom.

“The building is designed to be inexpensive to build, inexpensive to buy and inexpensive to maintain.” He said it is a slab on grade,

outdoor parking, with vinyl cladding. They hope to have solar panels on the roof. He added they want it to be a community-oriented building.

Coun. Cam McKenzie asked for an estimate of cost per unit. Tunks declined to divulge the information in public but said he could send council a pricing chart. He stressed that Teska Development is not a builder. They get projects ready for a builder. However, the builder likes Teska to get reservations to help fund the projects. He said the rates would be comparable to local market value.

Mayor Dave Burton asked about water and sewage. Tunks said they are working with Newterra of Brockville on communal servicing, as has been touted by the County of Frontenac. Deputy mayor Cec Ryall

wondered if Tunks was thinking communal servicing would be privately-run or if the municipality would be involved. Tunks said they had budgeted in the event of not having municipal partnerships or funding. He further noted any system could also extend to a future phase-in of 30-40 small homes.

McKenzie said he was concerned the property could infringe on the source water protection area, and crosses over the old Monck Road, which is a heritage road used for recreational purposes “and we certainly don’t want to lose ownership of that.” Tunks said the map is an estimate only with no intention to encroach on either.

Council voted to receive the delegation and send the report to staff for review.

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- November 14 – Regular Council Meeting
- November 21 – Special Council Meeting
- November 28 – Regular Council Meeting
- December 12 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal.

#### Notice of Location Change for Regular Council Meeting

Due to renovations taking place in the Minden Hills Council Chambers, the November 14th Regular Council Meeting will be held in the County of Haliburton's Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden.

### HOLIDAY EVENTS

- Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Village Green on Friday November 15th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. Come out and help Community Services kick off this festive season!
- Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade is back on Saturday November 16th starting at 11am at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Parade will travel along Parkside St to Bobcaygeon Road to Newcastle and end at the Township office parking lot on St. Germaine. Bring some non-perishable food items to be collected by MCFC during the parade.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 9:00 am during its Special Council Meeting regarding the 2025 Budget Process. Members of the Public are welcome to participate and provide their comments.

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### NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, November 28, 2024, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding Proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM.

### A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES

All Cemetery Fall clean-ups are taking place November 18 – 30, 2024.



# Highlanders help after Hurricane Helene

By Mike Baker

When County residents Yvonne and Cary Kreuzwiesner made their way through Black Mountain, North Carolina recently, they saw a lot of similarities between the stateside community devastated by Hurricane Helene and their home base in the Highlands.

The pair spent a day helping residents literally pick up the pieces of their lives Nov. 2, offering support to those who “lost everything” during the brutal Category 4 storm that made landfall in the Big Bend region of Florida Sept. 26, before making its way inland.

The storm caused catastrophic rainfall-triggered flooding in several states, including Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina – with some rural communities hit particularly hard.

As of Nov. 6, Helene has been credited with causing \$88 billion in damage and killing 233 people.

Yvonne was visiting her sister in Naples, Florida in mid-October when she learned the extent of the devastation. While Naples, on the southern tip of Florida, was largely unscathed, other parts of the country weren’t so lucky. Yvonne, having flown down, called husband, Cary, a few days after landing to say she wanted to help.

Cary got to work packing supplies – food and water, space blankets, sleeping bags, clothes – and made the long haul drive south - 14 hours to North Carolina rather than the 26-hour trip to Florida.

Yvonne had earlier heard from one of the volunteers she connected with in 2022, when assisting with Hurricane Ian clean-up in Fort Myers, Florida. He asked if they were planning to help again - though noted as bad as things were in the sunshine state, there were other areas, further north, that really needed help. It was then that Yvonne learned about Black Mountain.

The town of approximately 8,500 people is nestled in Pisgah National Forest - about 185 kilometres northwest of Charlotte, the state’s most populated city.

“As we got closer, it struck me just how much the Black Mountain area looked and felt like Haliburton County. It just made me think, ‘wow, what if this were us?’” Yvonne said. “When we pulled up to the town, everything was gone. Homes, if they were still standing, were stripped right down to the

studs. There was massive flooding. People were living out of their cars.”

A community volunteer-led distribution hub was established at a nearby concert venue, where locals could go for supplies. Yvonne and Cary assisted there for a full day, unloading and sorting donated items, gathering supplies for those in need, and helping people to pack.

While Floridians are used to annual hurricane clean-ups, locals in Black Mountain told the Kreuzwiesners this was the first major storm to hit their area in 100 years. “People didn’t know what to do, where to turn. It was heartbreaking,” Yvonne said.

When they told people they were from a small community in rural Ontario – Cary donning a red Canada T-shirt and Yvonne a green Haliburton County tee – people couldn’t believe they’d made the trip.

Asked why they had, Yvonne said she feels a call to help in desperate situations.

“We had a tornado on Halls Lake in 2006 – it was total devastation; we didn’t have power for 10 days. But people came together and helped. There was the flooding in Minden in 2008, that was a tragedy that impacted so many people. You don’t hear stories like this, about places like this on the news,” Yvonne said.

“I can’t just sit back and watch and not want to help. I just can’t,” she said.

The couple are already planning another trip south of the border, back to Black Mountain, to help the community rebuild. Yvonne also wants to go to Jasper, Alberta where wildfires raged from mid-July to early September, scorching 96,000 acres and destroying 358 buildings, according to Parks Canada.

The Kreuzwiesners are accepting donated items to help people in both areas. To give, contact Yvonne at ykreuz@hotmail.com.

## All in this together

The Kreuzwiesners weren’t the only Highlanders helping south of the border following Hurricane Helene – a handful of Hydro One and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) staffers spent weeks in Florida and Georgia getting power lines reinstalled.

Rick Putman was the foreman managing about 130 workers, including some from Haliburton County, who arrived in Georgia Oct. 8 and spent three days helping there



Yvonne and Cary Kreuzwiesner, middle, spent a day in Black Mountain, North Carolina recently to assist with relief efforts after Hurricane Helene. *Submitted.*

before moving onto Clearwater, Florida.

“This is the worst we’ve ever seen,” Putman said, noting he was a part of a crew that assisted in 2017 following Hurricane Irma and has been involved in about half a dozen other efforts. “When you see the number of outages and what people are living through, the conditions they’ve been thrust into, it’s hard not to want to try and help.

“Despite the devastation, people are so excited to see somebody is there trying to help them. When they find out we came all the way from Canada, they’re always flooded. I just tell them we’re all in this together,” he added.

As of Oct. 22 all Hydro One workers had returned home, confirmed company spokesperson Tiziana Baccaga Rosa.



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**ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS****Flying the flag**

The 'Wrapped in Courage' flag, raising awareness about violence against women, will fly at Algonquin Highlands town hall Dec. 10, with council also committing to developing a dedicated flag flying policy at a future meeting.

A request to fly that flag was received by the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton, which is launching a 16-day campaign beginning Nov. 25 – the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – and concluding Dec. 10, which is Human Rights Day. It's designed to build awareness and connect survivors of domestic violence to services in their community.

"We call on all Ontarians to take action to show their support by wearing a purple scarf and attending a 'Wrapped in Courage' flag raising in their community," said Kim Dolan, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton executive director.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said the township doesn't have a recognized policy, so it considers requests on a case-by-case basis. CAO Angie Bird said, since the town hall only has one flagpole and there are rules about flying other flags directly with the Canadian flag, the maple leaf will have to come down to facilitate requests.

Bird noted the township flew the Indigenous flag on Truth and Reconciliation Day but had to take the Canadian flag down.

"It's a bit of a slippery slope. If you fly one, you have to fly them all," Danielsen said.

Deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux said she's been "made aware" of the absence of the Pride flag at town hall during Pride month celebrations in June, and Minden Pride events in August, saying that's a flag she'd like to see raised in future.

**Building fees up**

Chief Building Official, Greg Moore, tabled increases to building fees last week, noting the department, which should operate on a cost-recovery basis, has been running a deficit the past few years.

"As we're not able to make money and we're not permitted to be a burden to the taxbase either, there's a little bit of a balance needed," Moore said. "This year, we're running at about a 40 per cent deficit so far." The CBO indicated the deficit will be between 20 and 30 per cent by year end.

He recommended increasing permit fees for single family dwellings or cottages from 80 cents per sq. ft. to \$1; garages, boathouses and accessory buildings from 60 cents per sq. ft. to 80 cents; decks, docks and open porches from 50 cents per sq. ft. to 60 cents,

and commercial, industrial and institutional builds from 90 cents per sq. ft. to \$1.10.

Moore also asked for an increase for permits for Class 5 sewage system installations, or tank replacements, up \$50 to \$450.

There were two additions – a \$100 fee for permit maintenance, which Moore said is for projects not completed within a three-year window, and a new category for home renovations or repairs, which are to be billed at 70 cents per sq. ft.

**No to boats**

Algonquin Highlands will stop accepting boats at its landfill sites effective Jan. 1, 2025.

Environmental manager Melissa Murray told council last week the township's costs for handling and disposing of boats is "significantly greater than other materials" and originally sought to increase tipping fees for all boats to \$15 per foot, plus a \$200 drop-off fee. She said in researching other avenues, she found a list published by Boating Ontario that identifies businesses that specialize in boat disposal.

"They have more opportunities for recycling and reclaiming materials and may even accept boats for no cost or at a reduced rate," Murray said.

Coun. Sabrina Richards suggested the township stop accepting boats and instead direct people to these outside companies. Council directed Murray to compile a list of companies in the area who do this work, to share with residents when asked as well as on social media.

**Landfill holiday hours**

The township has finalized its landfill hours for the holidays, with all four sites seeing hours adjusted from Dec. 24 to Jan. 2.

Murray said the Maple Lake landfill will be closed Dec. 24 and 25, then open Dec. 26 to 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and again Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Dorset site will be open Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Christmas Day, open Dec. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., closed Dec. 27, and then open Dec. 28 to 31 and Jan. 2, also from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Pine Spring and Oxtongue Lake locations will be open Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Maple Lake and Dorset sites will also be open until 3 p.m. Dec. 29. *(Algonquin Highlands briefs compiled by Mike Baker).*



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# 'Dire' message about food, heat

By Lisa Gervais

Amid skyrocketing demand for their services, Central Food Network executive director Tina Jackson and board chair, Nancy Wright-Laking, had some sobering statistics to share with Highlands East council Nov. 12.

Jackson said they had more than 60 volunteers and two permanent staff, delivering a suite of services in Highlands East, and across the County.

They have food banks in Wilberforce and Cardiff, for emergency and regular food assistance. They offer food delivery of hampers, including a holiday food hamper and toy program. The Wilberforce office is a distribution point for Rotary Club of Haliburton's 'good food boxes', and houses Community Cooks volunteers, who turn surplus food into frozen, prepared meals.

She added volunteer manager Ken Mott "manages to acquire" in excess of 100,000 pounds of surplus food annually, distributed through their food banks, Community Cooks, and shared with neighbouring food banks and not-for-profits.

They run a heat bank, with heat and hydro grants and emergency firewood – and also help people to find other resources. They even help with tax filing. They are on several community committees, too. Jackson added they are proud to supply \$3 worth of assistance for every \$1 they receive.

At that point, she told council that was the end of CFN's good news.

Referring to The Food Banks Canada hunger report, Jackson said, "poverty in Canada is spiraling out of control. In the last five years, visits to Canadian food banks have almost doubled. March of this year alone, saw well over two million visits to food banks in Canada."

Jackson said locally, "we are continuing to see increases in the number of people needing our services and visits to our food banks are also increasing at an alarming pace."

She said they are now serving 57 more people on average every month compared with pre-pandemic statistics, not including their busiest months. They are supporting an average of 307 monthly visits to their food banks, 100 more visits monthly than pre-pandemic.

"Not only are more people needing access to a food bank but people walking through our door need help more frequently."

She said they had already served 535 people so far this year, more than they had ever served before and they have not even hit their busiest months. Over a quarter of clients are seniors, and well over one-third children



Central Food Network executive director Tina Jackson at a Heat Bank fundraiser at Rhubarb. File.

and youth.

"We are serving seniors, children, babies, single people, families and couples, people who are working, people who are unable to work. They are our neighbours, friends, maybe even our family." Jackson estimated one in seven people are using their services.

She said working people and singles on disability supports are asking for help.

"When provincial and federal public policy doesn't adequately support people, we see it here first. And responsibility to take care of people's basic needs feels more and more like it is being downloaded to local charities like ours."

Central Food Network turns 10 in 2025 and Jackson said, "we are concerned that if the continual trends continue, this is not sustainable."

They are currently going through accreditation and continuing communications efforts. They receive no regular government funding. Jackson said they plan to increase fund development, human resource capacity, and increase physical space to be able to keep up with service demands.

Wright-Laking said they'd moved from a time when people needed periodic assistance in their life, to one in which many rely solely on the food bank or heat bank and is no longer sustainable. "We are in a real social crisis."

She thanked Highlands East for monetary, and building, support. However, she said there are increasing needs. "We are outgrowing our spaces and hope you will have some for us."

She conceded they'd brought a "dire" message about the direction food and heat insecurity is headed. Food Banks Canada is calling for the creation of a grocery and essential needs benefit, similar to the GST credit. She encouraged council to support the call to action.

Coun. Angela Lewis thanked staff and volunteers and asked what they get from government. Jackson said they get a \$2,500 grant to assist with tax clinics.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall and Mayor Dave Burton said council would look at their 2025 budget, with Burton adding, "we'll see what happens at budget time."



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# Humanizing the badges

It was back on July 11 that I first sat down with Const. Joel Imbeau at the Minden OPP station.

One of his boss’, Sgt. Paul McDonald, had reached out earlier in the year to tell me that Imbeau had been appointed the mental health and addiction liaison officer – working hand-in-hand with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge (CMHA HKPR) on the mobile crisis response team.

Full disclosure. Even though Imbeau had been doing the job along with CMHA HKPR since February, I hadn’t heard of it.

I would go on to learn that CMHA HKPR and OPP had been collaborating on the mental health program since 2021. However, there had been staffing challenges. McDonald said they simply didn’t have the resources at Minden HQ to appoint someone permanent, full-time to the job. Instead, officers were assigned piecemeal. For example, if they were on light duties, they might be slotted into the role for a few months. But then they would go back to regular duty. The initiative didn’t have an opportunity to fully take root.

That is not to say it was not helping people. Far from it. Predecessors of Imbeau and the current mental health worker with CMHA HKPR did some valiant work. But the lack of a fully committed officer at OPP was an impediment.

Until now. Since Imbeau has been appointed, OPP and CMHA HKPR are seeing the type of continuity needed to bring the program nearer to its full potential.

Simply put, when police get called to an incident and it is suspected mental health may be playing a role, Imbeau and the CMHA HKPR mental health worker go in live time. Or, if they are not rostered on, they follow-up.

The cop shows up at the door to make sure it’s safe. Then he introduces the mental health worker, saying that person can likely do more than he can at this stage.

They seek consent, and if given, are able to work with these people to try to better their physical health, mental health, or both, in hopes police do not have to be called again, and the person does not end up in the ER time and time again.

Ultimately, it is about ensuring people get

the physical and mental health support they need.

So far, the statistics are pointing to the program working.

Today – in part one of a series – we introduce you to the players and the program. In part two, we talk to some of the community partners who are involved, since the program could not succeed without their assistance. In part three, we speak with a client of the program – putting a face to how it is helping people in our community.

It’s taken four months since that initial chat with Imbeau to get this series researched and written. It’s been a job that has had to be placed on the backburner due to other editorial demands. However, we always felt it was an important story to tell. We are hopeful people throughout Haliburton County will become more familiar with some of the services that are available to them.



By Lisa Gervais

## JOURNEYING TOGETHER

# Death and social graces

I look forward to having conversations around medical assistance in dying (MAID).

I understand the concept from the person seeking this end, discussing it for a very long time; the prospect of ending our life due to medically-related suffering.

Now that we have been ‘tipped’ into experiencing the concept of facing our own mortality and putting a plan in place to end our suffering, we are faced with experiencing a shift in social acceptances and are very much lacking the social graces to support us through these highly emotional times. Medically-assisted death, a medical, legal and federally-backed plan is definitely a part of our world in Canada.

What we are experiencing is very much a first in our current history. Taking one’s own life has never been experienced as a celebration. It is a very personal, painfully heartbreaking event that impacts family and friends in very deep ways. So, I feel it is very important to make the distinction between the two acts.

As a senior, the subject of death seems to be more prominent. It naturally comes with aging as we and the people around us transition to the other side. Growing up, I accompanied my father to funerals. I’ve been blessed with a level of empathy to

feel comfortable inside of that world; that conversation around loss and grieving.

What do I say? I want to be supportive yet I’m feeling vulnerable and don’t want to say the wrong thing. Coming up with, and being comfortable with, language around family and friends who are experiencing a death, can be awkward for all of us.

We have developed social graces over hundreds of years to support us during these vulnerable times for both the visitor and receiver of comforting words. Sometimes we say things that may not land as intended, yet are accepted because the intent was from the heart.

Words like “how are you doing? What can I do?” come to mind, that can throw the receiver into thinking and processing outside of what they are actually going through in their grieving moment. Coming up with a response to what you can do to support them may not be in their capacity, so maybe just send love to let them know you are thinking of them and their loss.

It’s the same with MAID. I found myself not having the right words to express my condolences. I’m conflicted; thankful for the end of suffering and the concept of a defined “end,” and at the same time being empathetic to the impact on those left grieving.

We are asked to celebrate life and grieve loss at the same time, calling on two counter emotional experiences simultaneously.

Humans are very complex beings, and, yes, we are able to process two emotions at the same time, but I am experiencing some confusion dealing with these two emotions during this new experience. And that is okay.

I understand we must direct our expressions of love and caring to each grieving individual, separately embracing their experience, their loss. We will say the same things; “sorry for your loss,” when speaking to the recipient of MAID. We must be supportive, acknowledge their choice, celebrate their life while embracing them, and taking advantage of the fact that you can conscientiously say “I love you” and a heartfelt “good bye.” That in itself can be very comforting.

What an amazing time we have the honour to live in.

*Peter Ferri is a member of Aging Together as Community.*



By Peter Ferri



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# Cigarettes, cigars... artwork at HSAD

By Lisa Gervais

Zack Williams purchases a \$10 token from the cash at The Red Door Store at Haliburton School of Art + Design. He walks to a 1970s era cigarette vending machine, drops the token in a slot, and pulls a knob. And out drops – not cigarettes – but a cigarette pack-sized box containing a miniature piece of art.

Meet The Great Canadian Art Machine at Fleming College in Haliburton.

Partners, John Ducker, a shop tech at the school, and full-time artist Lori-Anne Crittenden, came up with the local concept.

“A friend saw a very similar idea on vacation and sent me a video and John and I, in separate parts of the house, started looking for machines online,” Crittenden says. “John found some in the United States, got a trailer and his kid and they ventured off to pick them up.”

John picks up the story, saying “this machine came out of Walt’s Inn in Baltimore, Maryland; literally right out of the bar. We had to pick it up on a certain date or they were going to have to pay next year’s cigarette tax on it.”

He said it still had cigarette packages inside. Crittenden, a lapsed smoker, joked, “it had menthols - we haven’t been able to buy in Canada for years. So that struck me as funny.”

That was February 2020. COVID. The couple had a hard time getting parts. Nor could they meet face-to-face with artists they wanted to create the miniatures to put in the boxes in the machine.

“The brake went on hard,” Crittenden said. “We were sitting with a few thousand dollars’ worth of boxes.”

The machine needed cleaning. They had to adapt it to take tokens, rather than coins. They had to have custom-made tokens. They even required a robotics expert. “As simple a system as it is, it’s rather complicated when you get into the guts,” Ducker said. “He (the robotics expert) was the second largest investment next to boxes, so it wasn’t without stress, but the machine itself, they’re just a lot of fun”

All up, the couple have three machines; one at HSAD, one in Beaverton and one roams for Christmas shows. The Xmas model had its maiden voyage last November at a craft shop. The one at the college is “very popular,” says dean Xavier Massé.

Ducker said it “is really to promote the work of the artists.” And Crittenden said many of those artists are from the HSAD family, either students or past students, or teachers. Scott Walling did the logo.

The machine can hold 800 boxes when fully loaded, and weigh 600-700 pounds.

“It’s funny because everybody wants to be so gentle with it, and I’ve told people ‘you’ve got to pull on the knobs; this thing has been in more bar fights than you can ever imagine. It’s been pounded upon,’” Ducker said.

Crittenden shows some examples of the works. The medium is eclectic, from fused glass to acrylic original paintings and digital work in between. There is fibre and blacksmithing.



It’s a challenge, she said. “Artists, blacksmiths in particular, who are so used to thinking big, shrunk their brains to create ornaments that fit in these boxes.”

Monika Boyd is the community outreach & recruitment officer for HSAD.

She said a lot of people walk the sculpture forest, then pop into the college and its shop, “and this really catches their attention. It’s a great word of mouth thing, but it’s a great way for us to showcase local talent, local artistry, and bring more people in. It’s been a great draw for us.”

The Red Door Store is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You can find the Great Canadian Art Machine on Facebook and Instagram.

Main: Zack Williams puts a token in the machine. Insets: A John Ducker piece. Some of the mini-art. Some of the artists. John Ducker and Lori-Anne Crittenden with The Great Canadian Art Machine. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



# Hollywood movie to be shot in Highlands

By Mike Baker

Camp Kandalore in Algonquin Highlands will serve as the backdrop of an upcoming major Hollywood feature, by Blumhouse Productions, with filming to begin later this month.

Catherine Crawford, location manager for the movie, appeared before Algonquin Highlands council Nov. 7 seeking permission for crews to park cars along Kanawa Lane, Partridge Lake Road, and at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre, while also detailing plans for filming on township property.

Blumhouse is known mainly for producing horror films and while Crawford didn't reveal any details surrounding the plot or who will be featured, she confirmed filming will mostly take place at night on the campgrounds.

The movie is slated for theatrical release and has the working title 'Mysterium'. American filmmaker Scott Derrickson, known for his work on horror flicks *Sinister*, *The Black Phone*, *Deliver Us from Evil*, and *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*, as well as Marvel's *Doctor Strange*, will direct, with Jason Blum and Robert Cargill serving as producers.

Crews arrived in the County Nov. 7 to prepare the location for filming. Shooting is set to begin Nov. 26 and wrap Dec. 12. All activities in the area will be concluded by Dec. 20, Crawford said.

She estimated the crew to be around 150 people, though not all will be on-site in the Highlands. Due to the large number of people, Crawford said there's a need for additional parking on top of what's available at the camp.

"It's a complicated request – it sounds like you have an awful lot of vehicles to support," said mayor Liz Danielsen, who expressed concern about cars being parked along the side of municipal roads in the event of a snowfall. "How would the vehicles impact our ability to plow?"

Public works manager Adam Thorn said he had no concerns – saying the roads in question are wide and plows will be able to maneuver around vehicles. Crawford also said workers would move their cars before the road is plowed.

She noted the film crew works long hours – for daytime shoots, staff will be on-site from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m., and for late shoots arriving around 11 a.m. and leaving at 1 a.m. Thorn noted there are no residential properties in the immediate vicinity – though there is a private road leading to cottages on Kushog Lake. Danielsen said she'd like those residents to be notified of the filming, which Crawford agreed to.

The proposal to shoot on municipal land is for the corner of Kandalore Road and Kanawa Lane Nov. 29 from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Crawford said the scene will focus on characters arriving at camp during a blizzard. Kanawa Lane will play as a road off of a



Crews are working around the clock at Camp Kandalore to transition the campsite into a Hollywood movie set. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

highway where actors have to get out of the car to see where the road is. They will drive along Kanawa Lane to the entrance of Camp Kandalore, where they will be greeted by a fictional camp employee on horseback.


She said crews will use a combination of visual and special effects to create artificial snow, which will be blown by large fans.

An application has been submitted to the Ministry of Transportation to close one lane on Hwy. 35 Nov. 29 so a lighting crane can

be placed. Crawford said an OPP officer will be on-site to manage traffic.

Council approved the requests on condition a \$10,000 damage deposit be submitted to the township, to cover any costs associated with clean-up, which Crawford agreed to.

"We brought [Blumhouse] to Canada rather than New York state, so this is very good [news] for the province and for the township," Crawford said.



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### Haliburton remembers

The Haliburton Remembrance Day parade Nov. 11 made its way from the Legion to the Cenotaph on Highland Street for the ceremony. During the sombre and wet ceremony, veterans and current serving members of the military, were honoured and thanked, some for the ultimate sacrifice for freedom from tyranny. From First World War through to Afghanistan, Canada has assisted its allies, or been on peacekeeping missions. The street was lined with families, young children to elders, taking part in remembering why Canadians enjoy the freedom they have today.

Top left: Cadet Jackson Trautman salutes as someone lays a wreath. Top middle: Brian Sachs reflecting during the ceremony. Top right: Bagpiper Andrew Mansfield playing beside the Cenotaph. Middle: The parade heading back to the Legion after the ceremony at the Cenotaph. Above left: Bagpiper Terry Craig stands at ease during the ceremony. Above: Veteran Paul Sisson adds his poppy to one of the wreaths. Right: Silent soldier Kevin Hebib in World War One uniform. *Photos by Justin Belanger.*







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### Minden remembers

Around 100 people gathered around the Minden Cenotaph Nov. 11 to pay their respects to veterans during a rain-soaked Remembrance Day ceremony. The colour party from the Minden Legion marched along Newcastle Street to begin the service, which was led by Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark from St. Paul's Church. There was a scare during the proceedings – a member of the colour party collapsed shortly after the playing of *The Last Post*, though he was treated by paramedics.

Top left: Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter prepares to lay a wreath. Top right: Haliburton County warden Liz Daniels accepts a wreath from Dick Schell of the Minden Legion. Above: Lee Train and Dick Schell of the Minden Legion salute. Right: Paul Norry carries a wreath decorated with poppies, on behalf of the federal government. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



Remembrance day

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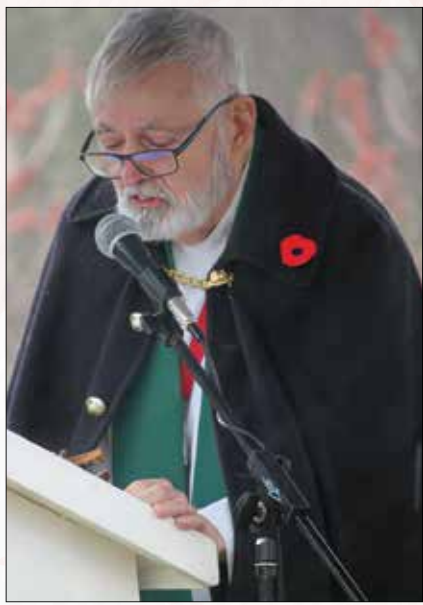




Highlands East remembers

A large crowd, including students and staff from Wilberforce Elementary School, attended the Remembrance Day ceremony in Highlands East Nov. 11. They gathered in rain at the Cenotaph. Father Ted Morris spoke about modern-day wars and how society has not learned its lesson. The annual event is organized by the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion branch 624, and its ladies' auxiliary welcomed attendees to lunch after the service.

Above: War veteran Chuck Viner lays a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Wilberforce. Above right: Highlands East mayor Dave Burton salutes at the Cenotaph in Wilberforce. Right: Chaplain Ted Morris addresses the crowd. Right middle: Ed Otto was responsible for raising and lowering the Canadian flag. Right top: Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale closes his eyes after laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Highlands East. Right bottom: Highlands East resident Mary Barker was one of many laying wreaths. Photos by Lisa Gervais.





The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is pleased to invite members and the public to our **Annual General Meeting** to be held on **November 24, 2024** at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery Meeting Hall (6712 Gelert Rd.) between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This year's guest speaker is Matthew Bancroft the District Supervisor for Bracebridge, Minden, Parry Sound District of the MNRF.

A summary of the HHOA's activities for the past year will be shared as well as the last fiscal year's financial report. The opportunity for invitations of prospective HHOA Board directors will take place as well. This commitment leads to becoming involved in the workings of the HHOA and assisting in maintaining Haliburton County as a premier Outdoor Activity destination in the Province of Ontario and beyond.

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The purpose of the meeting is to discuss projects and priorities for the 2025 Budget.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands. Members of the Public may also observe the Council meeting by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found on the meeting Agenda at <https://algonquinhighlands.civicweb.net/portal/>

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**Santa rides his sleigh to Snowflake Meadows**

Snowflake Meadows welcomed people to have their photos taken with Santa Claus Nov. 9. He came all the way from the North Pole for his pre-Christmas PR tour, making a stop at the farm at 1089 Ritchie Rd. A photographer was on hand to capture festive moments in the barn. For a \$25 donation, people could get family portraits with Santa, and help raise money for Snowflake Meadows at the same time.

Top left: Madisyn Fisher, Santa, Killian Begbie. Top right: Kristyn Begbie, owner of Snowflake Meadows, holding a puppy. Left: Santa and Miss Piggy. Above: Kiera, Jaxon, Santa and Miss Piggy, baby Kaylyn Faherty. Photos by Justin Belanger.



# Christmas comes early to Minden Hills

By Lisa Gervais

The Minden Hills community services department is inviting the public to a tree lighting ceremony in the Village Green, along Bobcaygeon Road between Water Street and Newcastle Street, Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m.

They are encouraging families to help decorate the tree, sing some carols, and kick off the festive season in the village.

The annual Santa Claus parade is Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. The parade will start at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and travel along Parkside Street before moving south along Bobcaygeon Road to Newcastle Street and finishing at the township municipal building parking lot off of St. Germaine Street.

People are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be collected by Minden Community Food Centre volunteers for the food bank. They are also urged to bring letters to Santa, to be collected by Minden Hills staff.

After the parade, Christmas in the Village returns to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“Join us for a festive celebration at the Heritage Village and Nature’s Place Interpretive Centre,” director of community services, Candace McGuigan, said.

She said people can look forward to: a local artisan market; holiday décor; Christmas ornament crafts; old-fashioned candy shop; hot chocolate; Santa’s visit after the Santa



Santa waves to the crowd during last year’s Santa Claus parade. *File.*

Claus parade; a Santa letter-writing station; Pockets the Clown providing face painting; story time when Santa arrives at the village and button-making in the afternoon offered by the Haliburton County Public Library;

book sale hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library.

Admission is by donation, and no registration is required. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon

Rd., and is open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit the Cultural Centre’s social media calendar page: facebook.com/mindenculturalcentre.

## Tree Lighting Ceremony

**November 15th, 2024**      6:00pm-8:00pm at the Village Green

Come and help decorate the tree, sing some carols and kick off this festive season at the Village Green located along Bobcaygeon Road between Water and Newcastle St.

**November 16th, 2024**      Parade Start at 11am!

The parade will begin at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, continue along Parkside Street and head south on Bobcaygeon Road, before finishing at the Township municipal parking lot off St. Germaine Street.

Non-perishable food items and letters to Santa will be collected during the parade.

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It's been a successful rebuilding year so far for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks junior boys' volleyball team, says coach Janice Scheffee, with the young squad competing well in the Kawartha A Division - for schools with less than 500 students. The 16-man roster competed in the Kawartha Championships Nov. 5, defeating St. Thomas Aquinas high school from Lindsay in three straight sets (25-23, 25-12, 25-23) in the semi-finals, before falling to Monseigneur Jamot of Peterborough in the championship game. The young team competes at the COSSA regional championships Nov. 14. "This is a big developmental year for us. For some, this is their first time on the court," Scheffee said. "We're committed to building a competitive program at HHSS."

Left: Vanek Logan serves during the Red Hawks recent exhibition series with the LCVI Spartans out of Lindsay. Above: Isaac Borgdorff celebrates with teammates after scoring a point. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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Season over with a smile

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks senior girls’ basketball team’s season is over, following defeat at the Kawartha Championships in Peterborough Nov. 7. The nine-player squad showed heart against the Kenner Rams in last week’s semi-final match-up, ultimately falling 43-18. Coach Mike Rieger said it has been a learning season for the team, which finished sixth in Division B, with two wins and five defeats. “They showed heart and had smiles on their faces until the final buzzer,” Rieger said.

Top: Back: Coach Mike Rieger, Hazel Jones, Freyja Neimann-Rowe, Beth Matthew, Tory Byrnes, Maddy Walker, Olivia Gruppe and coaches Renato D’Ambrosio and Meghan Armstrong. Front: Jordanna Jennings, Rosie Lafleur, and Aurora Wesley. Above: Jennings dribbles the ball down the court. Above right: Wesley restarts play from the sidelines. Right: Walker advances the ball. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



# Gardeners urged to rethink what is beautiful

By Lisa Gervais

The Minden and District Horticultural Society hosted more than 120 gardeners from 17 Ontario horticultural societies to conduct business and talk plants Oct. 19 in Minden.

Long-time member Elinor Kernohan said, “this is only the second time in 45 years the Minden group has hosted this event. The last time was about 25 years ago.”

Delegates from as far away as Cobourg and Port Hope were able to take in the fall colours on their drive north and enjoy a locally-catered lunch.

Society president Connie Walker from Carnarvon said, “volunteers had been working for months to organize this important event for people in the gardening community and our efforts were well received.” Walker singled out Carolyn Perks for her contributions to the success of the event.

In addition to the camaraderie, many came to hear keynote speaker, Paul Zammit. Zammit is a professor of horticulture and environmental studies at Niagara College, and well-known garden expert on CBC Radio One.

He challenged his audience to learn to work with the garden by rethinking what is beautiful.

“People come to gardens for more than just pretty plants. They come to relax, to meditate, to photograph insects, and to engage in lifelong learning,” he said.

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Minden and District Horticultural Society president Connie Walker with CBC garden show expert Paul Zammit. Submitted.

that all life requires, he encouraged his audience to stop tidying up their gardens. He asked them to rethink some of their garden practices such as deadheading, bagging leaves, and growing for size and bloom.

“Deadheading your flowers gives you more blooms, but don’t forget your garden also feeds the birds and insects,” he said. He urged his audience to do their best to grow more native plants and avoid invasive species.

He added, “not to worry what the neighbours think and practise chop and drop composting where organic matter is left where it is pruned, rake whole leaves onto garden beds because shredding your leaves kills beneficial caterpillars and other life forms.”

The Minden and District Horticultural Society meets monthly to conduct business and hear from guest speakers. With more than 70 members, the society puts on a

well-attended monthly speaker series in the County. Its meetings are open to non-members for \$5 and new members are welcome. No experience required. The Youth Garden Club organizes fun and educational events for very young gardeners. Volunteers put in most of the plantings in Minden village and along the Riverwalk with support from the Township of Minden Hills. They also redid garden beds at the Minden Legion.

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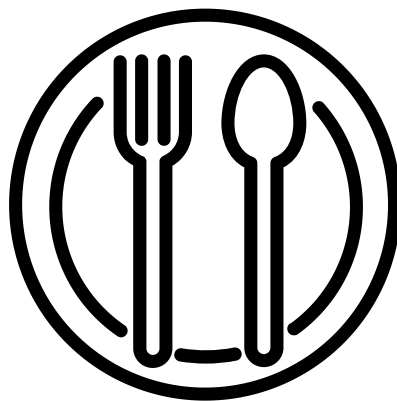
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Jaxon Demerchant following through on a shot. *Photo by Justin Belanger.*

## U13 LL Storm on win streak

The U13LL Curry Chevrolet team is undefeated with a 4-0-0 start to the season. On Nov. 9, the team was at home against the Kawartha Coyotes White at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden; and were able to keep their winning streak going with a 10-3 victory. The win was a direct result of amazing goaltending by Liam Scheffee and outstanding defensive play by Evelyn Mardus. The Storm opened the scoring with Jackson Sperrino, with 7:15 left in the first, assisted by Blake and Jackson Little. The Coyotes answered back with a goal at the 3:16 mark. The Storm took the lead once again at 2:02 with a goal from Reed Brown, assisted by Kora Reid and Mardus. The Storm continued the pressure in the second period with a powerplay goal from

Maddex Reynolds, assisted by Brown and B. Little. Sperrino made it 4-1 for the Storm at 12:44 with assists from Jaxon Demerchant and Braydon Collins. The Coyotes got within two with only 46 seconds left in the second. The Coyotes opened the third period by scoring only 13 seconds in, cutting the Storm lead to just one. However, the Storm answered back with Sperrino completing the hat trick at 14:08, assisted by B. Little. The Storm continued to press with Brown completing his hat trick at the 12:42 mark, assisted by Reid. Brown then scored a short-handed goal at 10:38, assisted by B. Little. The Storm's Bobby Walker scored his first ever goal with a hard shot from the point giving the locals an 8-3 lead at 9:35. Brown then scored two more goals, assisted by Reid, Blair Fisher, and Demerchant. *Submitted.*

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Huskies defenceman Curtis Allen calls for the puck. Photo by Justin Belanger.

# Goalies give Huskies lift

By Mike Baker

After another split weekend, winning on home ice against the St. Michael's Buzzers Nov. 9 and then losing away to the Toronto Jr. Canadiens Nov. 10, Haliburton County Huskies head coach Ryan Ramsay has called on some his team's secondary scorers to step up their game.

Following a routine 4-2 win over the Buzzers in Minden on Saturday, the Huskies followed up with a narrow 1-0 defeat in the city. Despite controlling much of the game, the blue and white couldn't find an answer for Daniel Dirracolo in the Canadiens goal, who turned away all 23 shots he faced.

"Saturday, I thought, was a good win, but Sunday got away from us. We outchanced Toronto while five-on-five. I thought we played OK – we had five or seven guys really going, but there's some other guys that need to step up and play better," Ramsay said.

"We've been getting a lot of effort from the same players, but we're going to need some secondary effort from guys who have been pretty quiet," he added.

The head coach reserved special praise for young goaltender Carter Nadon, who got the nod in both games last weekend.

Ramsay said the 17-year-old native of Sault Ste. Marie was always slated to start against the Buzzers, but his impressive play in front of 505 fans at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, where he recorded a seventh successive victory, earned Nadon back-to-back starts.

"I think he deserved it – he's been playing well. And I think he showed on Sunday what he can do, turning aside pretty well everything they threw at him," Ramsay said, describing the Canadiens lone goal as a fluke play. "The guy shot it from the corner of the ice, it hit Carter on the shoulder and bounced in."

Nadon's early season play earned him a call-up to the Ontario Junior Hockey League's All-Rookie roster for a planned exhibition against the best up-and-comers from the Central Canada Hockey League. The Battle of Ontario will take place Nov. 19 and 20 in Smiths Falls.

Across 10 appearances, Nadon boasts a 1.61 goals against average and .941 save percentage – some of the best numbers in the league, Ramsay said. Fellow netminder Corbin Votary

has 10 wins and five losses, with a 3.15 goals against average and 0.894 save percentage. Ramsay believes the duo is one of the best tandems in the OJHL.

"They've given us a chance to win every night," he said. As of Nov. 11, the Huskies maintained their position within the Canadian Junior Hockey League's 'Top 20' standings, sitting in eighth place. It's the team's fifth straight week on the list.

## Huskies 4-2 St. Mike's

Rookie blueliner Camron Hankai – another call-up to next weekend's 'Battle of Ontario' series – gave his reputation as one of the league's top young offensive defencemen a jolt Saturday against the Buzzers, helping himself to two goals in the opening period.

The 17-year-old was assisted by Deandres De Jesus and Adam Smeeton at 2:32 and again by Ty Petrou and Isaac Larmand at 15:38.

The Buzzers fought back with goals either side of the first intermission – Jesse Ventura making it a one-goal game with four minutes to play in the first and Willem Kerr tying things shorthanded 2:29 into the second.

Noah Lodoen potted the game winner 86 seconds into the final frame, assisted by Smeeton and Tyson Rismond, with De Jesus helping himself to a late empty-netter – his 15th goal of the season.

## Canadiens 1-0 Huskies

Petrou, fresh off being named the OJHL East Division player of the month for October, put up a team-high four shots during Sunday's drab defeat against Toronto.

The Huskies had 11 shots in the opening period but couldn't find the go-ahead goal. The Canadiens came into the game in the second, with Brett Bouchard providing the perfect end at 19:44, scoring the game's only tally.

The Huskies went 0-3 on the powerplay, while successfully killing off a pair of minor penalties.

Jr. A hockey action will be back in Minden tonight (Nov. 14) as the Huskies welcome the Wellington Dukes, puck drop at 7 p.m. The hometown team also hosts the Collingwood Blues Nov. 16, puck drop at 4 p.m.



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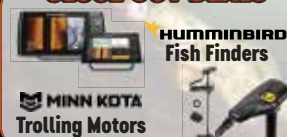
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Huskies coach Ryan Ramsay will be behind the bench for the ‘Battle of Ontario’ All-Star festivities Nov. 19 and 20. *File.*

# Ramsay excited for ‘Battle of Ontario’

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Huskies coach Ryan Ramsay remembers what it was like when, as a player, he’d be called up to play in all-star games, high profile exhibitions, and for his nation at the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

“It was always an exciting time – a bit of a break from routine, an opportunity to put yourself out there and showcase what you can do,” Ramsay said.

The 41-year-old will be behind the bench for the inaugural ‘Battle of Ontario’ showcase in Smiths Falls Nov. 19 and 20. The weekend will see players and coaches from the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) and Central Canada Hockey League (CCHL) do battle for provincial bragging rights.

It’ll be the third successive year Ramsay has been a part of the league’s all-star festivities, having coached one of the all-rookie teams in 2022 and one of the primary teams in 2023. This year he’ll team up with Derek Smith, coach of the Trenton Golden Hawks, to lead Team Evan Rodrigues - OJHL alumni and current NHLer with the Florida Panthers.

There will be some familiar faces – Huskies stalwarts Carson Littlejohn, Nathan Poole, and Ty Petrou will all dress for their usual coach during the exhibition. For the rookie team, Carter Nadon, Camron Hankai, Alex Smeeton and Ryan Fairbairn all earned call-ups.

Ramsay said he’s excited to test himself against colleagues from the CCHL – home of the top-ranked team in the country, the Rockland Nationals.

“This year is a bit special with it being the ‘Battle of Ontario’. Normally in an all-star game it’s not the best quality or calibre of game, but this one is going to be a big deal with two leagues facing off,” Ramsay said. “There’ll be pressure – we’ve picked a team to go there and win.”

The build for the event has been a nice distraction from his day-to-day responsibilities as head coach and general manager with the Huskies – several phone and Zoom calls with Smith and other league

officials to brainstorm, identify standout players, and build dream lines.

Ramsay said it’ll be a special weekend for all players involved, a unique opportunity to catch the eye of scouts from across Canada and the U.S.

“There’s going to be NHL teams there, Division 1 NCAA teams there. There’s going to be tons of teams watching. It’s a great place for these kids to showcase themselves, try and get noticed. There’s a ton of talent in our league,” he said.

The coach reflects on his teenage years – after a successful career in the Ontario Hockey League, where he put up 293 points in 324 regular and post-season games between 1999 and 2004, Ramsay was spurned by the NHL’s Nashville Predators and Carolina Hurricanes before earning a contract with the St. Louis Blues.

He spent three years with the organization, playing mostly in the American Hockey League (AHL) and East Coast Hockey League (ECHL), before spending eight years playing professionally in Europe.

Ramsay said a big part of the weekend will be sharing stories with his young players and helping them to advance their young careers.

Following the recent news that, starting next season, the NCAA will allow players who have played in the Canadian Hockey League – a step above the Canadian Junior Hockey League circuit – Ramsay feels the move is a positive one.

The OJHL has long touted itself as the alternative for talented hockey players with aspirations to play college hockey stateside.

“It’s great for the players to have the best of both worlds. The unknown is nobody really knows the effect of the ruling and how things will play out, but it definitely gives kids options,” Ramsay said. “I’ve heard lots of stories over my seven or eight years of coaching where [OHL] teams commit to a guy, maybe tell him false information, only to play him in 10 games and cut him, burning his eligibility for NCAA. This stops things like that from happening.”

The Huskies coach said he isn’t worried about the ruling damaging the OJHL – believing the league will still be attract top-class developing players.

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EVENTS

**Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a Christmas book sale at the Minden Hills branch, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Choose from a variety of gently-read books. Payment is by cash or cheque donation. All money raised supports library enhancements and programs for all libraries in the County.

**Nov. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Haliburton Legion craft sale - start your Christmas shopping with homemade crafts by 40 talented local vendors. The Auxiliary ladies will be serving soup, sandwiches, and sweets in the Schofield Room.

**Nov. 19, 7 p.m.**  
Environment Haliburton! upcoming Virtual Enviro-Cafe features Dr. Jennifer Penney, author of Bill 198, An Act Providing a Climate Change Adaptation for Ontario, for a discussion on how we can adapt to extreme weather events caused by climate change. Register in advance at [environmenthaliburton.org](http://environmenthaliburton.org).

**Nov. 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
Christmas luncheon at Highland Hills United Church, located at 21 Newcastle St. in Minden. Enjoy soup, sandwiches, goodies, tea or coffee, and fellowship. By donation. There will also be a bake sale starting at 11 a.m. Everyone welcome.

**Nov. 22**  
County Music Association of Ontario is hosting a Holly Jolly Christmas Show at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, immediately following the Haliburton Santa Claus Parade. Featuring Leah Daniels and Beverley Mahood singing a collection of holiday classics. Tickets are \$35, with children 12 and under \$15. Available at [cmaontario.ca](http://cmaontario.ca), or by calling 647-231-2626. CMAO is a non-profit supporting grassroots country artists across Ontario.

**Nov. 23, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**  
Haliburton Winter Fair at A.J. LaRue Arena and the Haliburton Legion. Enjoy a Christmas market, Santa’s workshop, and cookie decorating until 1 p.m., classic Christmas cartoon screenings from 1 to 3 p.m. and free community skating from 3 to 5 p.m. All supplies are provided free to children 12 and under, with everyone getting to take their creations home. All are welcome.

**Nov. 24, 1 to 3 p.m.**  
Support the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library’s 16th annual library fundraiser at the Haliburton Legion, featuring special guest R.H. Thomson, author of By the Ghost Light. Thomson will be available to discuss his book, as well as chat about his acting roles in Road to Avonlea and Murdoch Mysteries. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Minden Book Nook or by contacting Pat Brezina at 705-286-1958, or Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000. Proceeds support library programs throughout the County.

**Dec. 7, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.**  
Aging Together as Community Haliburton Highlands is hosting a ‘Movement is Good Medicine’ social at Haliburton United Church. Keynote speaker is Meghan Cox, owner and trainer at Just Movement Fitness, who will discuss how movement keeps us healthy. Learn about chair exercises, Nordic pole walking and more. Dinner of turkey pot pie, salad and dessert will be provided. Register at [attachhevents@gmail.com](mailto:attachhevents@gmail.com) or by contacting Connie Wood at 705-457-7215. Will also be available via Zoom.

**Have a non-profit event you want advertised?**  
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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities**  
**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league starting soon, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.  
**Tuesdays:** League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.  
**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back. There’s a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.  
**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.  
**Fridays:** Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.  
**Saturdays:** 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.  
**Clubroom hours:** Mon closed, Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m

The Legion’s mandate is to help veterans, assist with their mental and physical health and social wellbeing, provide a feeling of togetherness and combat isolation. All are welcome to attend our events.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Cobocok Second Monday of the month:** General meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesdays:** Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.  
**First Wednesday of the month:** Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.  
**Saturdays:** Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce**  
**Mon:** 7 to 10 p.m.  
**Wed:** 2 to 6 p.m.  
**Thurs:** 2 to 6 p.m.  
**Fri:** 2 to 11 p.m.

**Sat:** 2 to 9 p.m.  
**Sun:** Special events only

Meatloaf and mashed potatoes dinner Nov. 15, 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

Karaoke Nov. 16, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sandwiches will be served around midnight. No entry fee.

CFL Grey Cup Party Nov. 17, starting at 4 p.m. Pub food and appetizers will be available. Cost is \$15 per person.

Seniors’ 55+ lunch Nov. 22 at noon. Cost is \$15 per person. Call Denice Butler at 705-488-8865 to reserve a spot.

Fish and chips Nov. 29, 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 for one piece of fish, or \$20 for two pieces.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden**  
**Monday - Thursday:** Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers’ Tuesday.  
**Friday** Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.  
**Saturday** all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

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Karaoke: call for dates  
Monday: Euchre 1-3 p.m. Rug Hookers every second week.  
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.



Notice of Special Council Meetings – 2025 Budget

**The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is preparing its 2025 Municipal Budget.**

**Council at its November 21, 2024, Special Council meeting will receive an overview of the Draft Budget, input from the Public, and approve Water and Wastewater Rates.**

The Adoption of the Water and Sewer rates will be considered at the November 28, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

Council will continue to consider the budget at several upcoming meetings

- **Tuesday, January 14, 2025:** Operating and Capital Budget review for the Fire Department; Public Works Department; and Administration.
- **Thursday, January 16, 2025:** Operating and Capital Budget review for the Community Services Department; Planning Department and Building Department.
- **Tuesday, February 4, 2025:** Adopt and Finalize the 2025 Budget.

**Please note that dates are subject to change and are dependant on deliberation discussion and direction.**

Supported material including the Budget Book will be provided on the agenda(s) located on the CivicWeb portal site.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Vicki Bull, Clerk  
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**Take Notice** that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 27, 2024, at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands Ontario.

**Description of Lands:**

1. Roll No. 46 21 002 000 36700 0000; 1128 FRY LANE, ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39129-0220 (LT); File No. 23-08; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$27,332.52**
2. Roll No. 46 21 004 000 41500 0000; 52935 BIG HAWK - NORTH SHORE, ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39299-0175 (LT); File No. 23-21; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$14,565.36**
3. Roll No. 46 21 021 000 04310 0000; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39100-0405 (LT); File No. 23-32; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,285.54**

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.**

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act.

A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at **[www.OntarioTaxSales.ca](http://www.OntarioTaxSales.ca)** or [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca) or you may contact Karen Mintz, Tax Administrator, The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1S0, Phone: 705-489-2379 Ext. 323, Email: [kmintz@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:kmintz@algonquinhighlands.ca)



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The family of the late Betty Trapp have so many people to thank that we are unable to mention all individually. Teams of wonderful individuals helped Betty remain as independent as possible for the past 9 years, and these include: Dr. Nell Thomas, Dr. Tina Stephenson (retired), Dr. Karaguesian, HHHS emergency, acute care, and palliative care medical teams, medical specialists and support staff, Betty's most recent caregivers at the Gardens of Haliburton retirement home, the Assisted Living/Supportive Housing teams out serving in our community (particularly Echo Hills Apartments), our EMT service providers, the Rexall Pharmacy team, Paramed service providers, private care givers, friends and neighbours.

Thanks to Pastor Brian Plouffe for visiting mom, and Dwaine, Lori, and Chiara from Haliburton Community Funeral Home for your support through this difficult time.

Thank you to friends and neighbours for the outpouring of sympathy messages, meals, and time given generously to assist us in caring for Mom over the years. We are grateful for your kindnesses, support, and prayers.

NOTICES

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS -

**Sundays** - 10:30 am at St. Anthony's, 27 Victoria Street Haliburton. **Mondays** - 7:00 PM at West Guilford Baptist church. **Wednesdays** - 7:00 PM at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St. in Minden - rear door. Thinking about alcohol. Thinking about stopping. We've been there. We can help!

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**COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR**  
Part-time Position – 28 hours/week

This part-time position is responsible for developing and implementing strategies which increase the community's awareness of and engagement with library services and programs. This position communicates information to internal and external audiences and is responsible for providing administrative support to library staff.

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To apply, please email your cover letter and resume in PDF format to [info@haliburtonlibrary.ca](mailto:info@haliburtonlibrary.ca) no later than 4:30pm on Thursday November 21st, 2024.

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Human Resources Coordinator  
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Email: [dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca)



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- Across
- 1 Do, after "thou"
  - 5 \*Tiara piece
  - 10 "Down with ...!" (French rioter's cry)
  - 14 Get \_\_\_\_ (learn with practise)
  - 15 Life, to Jung
  - 16 Slot for a padlock
  - 17 Earth inheritors, per Jesus
  - 18 \*It covers the hole thing?
  - 19 "Another thing, ..."
  - 20 Its flag bears the Star of David: Abbr.
  - 21 Stand in front of a speaker
  - 23 Throw in the chips, say
  - 24 "\_\_\_\_ say more?"
  - 26 Nautical chain
  - 27 Boatloads (of)
  - 29 Poilievre's predecessor
  - 31 No harder
  - 32 When one might see red and white fireworks
  - 36 Harmless prank
  - 39 \*Title on a chicken bucket, once
  - 40 ASAP
  - 43 Sign sought by a nervous flier
  - 45 Kin of corp. or inc.
  - 46 One who works on their feet?
  - 47 '90s TV "Place"
  - 50 What 40-Across suggests
  - 53 \*Like a lottery winner
  - 54 \*Discontinued coin in 2013
  - 55 Drink with a tiny umbrella, maybe
  - 57 No longer bothered by
  - 60 Cruella de Vil film with a smaller cast? (see the answers to the starred clues)
  - 64 Court game, with "jai"
  - 65 "\_\_\_\_ Night" (caroller's song)
  - 66 Vaporub magnate Joshua
  - 67 U.S. workers' IDs
  - 68 Sounds on Old Macdonald's farm
  - 69 Building wings

- Down
- 1 \*Boogie-woogie's Fats
  - 2 Bar band's nine or ten songs
  - 3 Upgrade from mono
  - 4 Kesha hit "Tik \_\_\_\_"

- 5 Playful trick
- 6 Vote into law
- 7 Quick with the quips
- 8 Oscar presenter
- 9 Bert in a lion costume
- 10 Unlikely cry from a head-scratcher
- 11 Spanish explorer or Stallone role
- 12 Size up
- 13 \*Inconsistent, as radio reception
- 21 Purplish plant and hue
- 22 Vocally twangy
- 25 Bugs Bunny addressee
- 28 "\_\_\_\_ Jude"
- 30 Antacid brand
- 31 Suffix with lime or lemon
- 33 Dumpster locale
- 34 \*Hi and Lois daughter
- 35 Words after an age, on toys
- 36 CBC streaming channel
- 37 Wood cutter
- 38 TV crewmate of Mary Ann and Ginger
- 40 Do named for a horse's fly whisk
- 41 Last 31-day mo.
- 42 Amt.
- 44 "In actual fact, ..."
- 46 Like Rodin's The Thinker
- 48 One-\_\_\_\_ (old ball game)
- 49 Arctic vehicle brand
- 51 Settles, as a debt
- 52 Bitty biter
- 55 Faith Hill's "Take \_\_\_\_ I Am"
- 56 Feels unwell
- 58 Added with: Abbr.
- 59 Prudish clucks
- 61 Yellowfin, on a menu
- 62 Chaney in old horror movies
- 63 Famed Rev. with a dream

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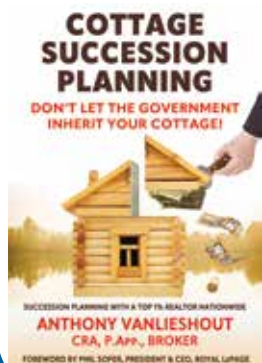
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